

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please replace pending claims 43 and 44 with the following amended versions:

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43. (Twice Amended) A gel according to claim 27, wherein the pigments are chosen from titanium, zirconium and cerium dioxides; zinc, iron and chromium oxides; nanotitaniums; ferric blue; carbon black; calcium salts of acidic dyes; barium salts of acidic dyes; aluminium salts of acidic dyes; zirconium salts of acidic dyes; pigments coated with silicone compounds; pigments coated with polymers; pigments coated with fluorinated compounds; and mixtures thereof.

44. (Twice Amended) A gel according to claim 43, wherein the salts of acidic dyes are chosen from the salts of halo-acid dyes, salts of azo dyes, and salts of anthraquinone dyes.

**Remarks**

Claims 27-83 are pending in this application. Claims 43 and 44 have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim that which Applicant considers to be her invention. Support for each of the amended claims can be found in the specification and claims of the original application as filed. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.